



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04012.0385

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:)	
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Lukas-Laskey et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1614
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Application No. 10/721,020)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Original Patent No. 5,760,069)	
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Original Issue Date: June 2, 1998)	
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Reissue Filed: November 25, 2003)	
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For: METHOD OF TREATMENT FOR)	
DECREASING MORTALITY)	
RESULTING FROM)	
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.172 and 1.175

I, Stephen A. Venetianer, a citizen of the United States of America, declare as follows:

1. I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: SB PHARMCO PUERTO RICO INC. U.S. Patent No. 5,760,069, is assigned to SB PHARMCO PUERTO RICO INC. as assignee of the entire right, title and interest in said patent by virtue of an assignment from Roche Therapeutics Inc. to SB PHARMCO PUERTO RICO INC., recorded on September 16, 2003, at Reel 013974, Frame 0463.
2. The title of my position is Vice President, Pharmaceutical Patents.

3. The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in SB PHARMCO
PUERTO RICO INC.

<u>Name of Patentees</u> Mary Ann Lukas-Laskey; Robert Ruffolo, Jr.; Neil Howard Shusterman; Gisbert Sponer; Klaus Strein	
<u>Patent Number</u> 5,760,069	<u>Date of Issued Patent</u> June 2, 1998
<u>Title of Invention</u> METHOD OF TREATMENT FOR DECREASING MORTALITY RESULTING FROM CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE	

4. I believe these patentees are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in United States Patent No. 5,760,069, granted on June 2, 1998, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled, "METHOD OF TREATMENT FOR DECREASING MORTALITY RESULTING FROM CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE," the specification of which was filed on November 25, 2003, as Reissue Application Serial No. 10/721,020 and was amended on November 25, 2003.

5. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the original patent claims, and the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

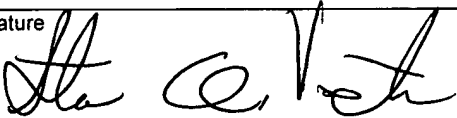
6. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

7. I believe that United States Patent No. 5,760,069 is at least partially inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentees claiming more or less than they had a right to claim.

8. The error upon which reissue is based is the failure in the claims of the United States Patent No. 5,760,069 to recite that "the administering comprises administering to said patient daily maintenance dosages for a maintenance period to decrease a risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure, and said maintenance period is greater than six months."

9. The above-described error and all other errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicants.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE, POWER OF ATTORNEY,
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

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SB PHARMCO PUERTO RICO INC. hereby consents to the reissue of U.S.
Patent No. 5,760,069.

SB PHARMCO PUERTO RICO INC. hereby grants power of attorney to
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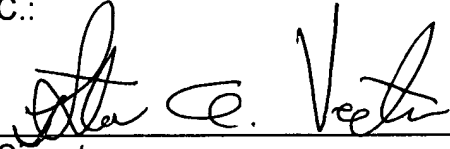
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The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign on behalf of the assignee.

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On behalf of SB PHARMCO PUERTO RICO INC.:

June 15, 2004
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Signature

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